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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Reference: Sturgeon Spearing License Proposal

Dear Colleagues:

The current system for obtaining a license for Upper Lakes Sturgeon Spearing is somewhat confusing to the general public and it is easy to miss deadlines for purchasing tags and accruing preference points. I am proposing a change that I feel would benefit both the DNR and the fisherman.

I propose that on April 1st an individual should be able to go to a facility where Sturgeon Spearing Licenses can be purchased, purchase a license for spearing on Lake Winnebago and at the same time, purchase preference points for Upper Lakes spearing. When accruing enough preference points to receive an Upper Lakes spearing license, the Department of Natural Resources would send an Upper Lakes license sticker to place over the previously purchased Lake Winnebago spearing license. This would invalidate your Winnebago License to avoid violations.

If a person only spears the upper river lakes, you purchase your preference points by July 31st, when accruing enough points, the DNR sends you a license sticker, you will then need to purchase a spearing license by October 30st and apply the sticker to the license.

The benefits of this proposal are:

1. The fisherman could purchase a spearing license when purchasing a fishing license and not miss the deadline dates.
2. The DNR will receive the money for the license early in the year.
3. The purchasing process would be more efficient and user friendly for the licensing retailer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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